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EXTRA SESSION IS ORGANIZED SPEAKER CLARK RE-ELECTED; AWAITING PRESIDENT'S WORD

CONGRESS BEGINS

Majority of Members, as Missourian Chosen by a Vote Miss Jeannette Rankin, Repre Houses Convene, Openly Favor Hostilities.

"PROS" AND PACIFISTS BESET THE LEGISLATORS

President Urges House to Rush He Secures Position in Exactly One Organization So That He May Deliver His Message.

Congress assembled at noon today for a session generally agreed to be the most momentous for fifty years.

President Wilson, ready with his address, which it is believed will ask that a state of war be recognized as already to exist between the United States and Germany, waited only for the organization of the House of Representatives.

President Keeps Own Counsel. A resolution declaring that

a state of war exists between the United States and Germany today was prepared for offering to the House by Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee.

against Germany.

Text of Resolution

The resolution follows:

"Whereas the recent course of the imperial German government is, in

of America, in Congress assembled, That the state of belligerency between the voted for Clark. United States and the imperial German government, which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared, and

War With All Resources.

imperial German government and to bring the conflict to a successful Michigan and Haskell of New sources to carry on war against the

President Keeps Own Counsel

The President, in his address, it is understood, will refer to the traditional friendship between the American ople and the German people and differentiate between the German government and the people it rules.

He also will recount his efforts to restore peace to Europe and to maintain peace with Germany.

Before going to Congress, the President did not take even members of his cabinet into his confidence on the exact terms of his address. From information he has called for and general ormation he has called for and genera discussions at cabinet meetings know he has concluded that war

know he has concluded that war with Germany seems inevitable. President Wilson's address immediately will be sent to all the foreign embassies and legations here and will be telegraphed

and legations here and will be telegraphed to American diplomats abroad.

It was acknowledged today that foreign governments, on receipt of it, may interpret it as they think best, even to assume that it so closely approximates recognition of a state of war as to necessitate the issuing of neutrality proclamations. Whether such a step will be taken by any neutral prior to formal action by Congress is unknown here.

Asked to Rush Organization.

Democratic House leaders got word from the White House to hurry the organization as much as possible. Congress assembled with a majority openly in favor of a declaration of a state of war, if not actually a declara-

Beset on one side with large delegations of pacifists praying that the country be kept out of war, and be-

Administration officials have made no secret that they consider Germany has been making war on the United States for some time. A large majority in Congress takes the same view. The minority is divided between those who think a state of armed neutrality is sufficient for the President and the very few who openly favor peace at any price.

War Spirit at Capitol.

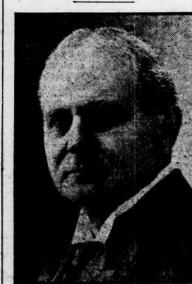
The Capitol was arrayed in a war spirit as Congress assembled. The pacifist delegations, wearing white on their sleeves, or white streamers across their breasts, paraded the sidewalks in numbers. filled the House and Senate galleries. and made calls on their congressmen They moved about without demonstra-

HOUSE ORGANIZED MOST MOMENTOUS | BY THE DEMOCRATS SESSION IN YEARS CLARK IS RE-ELECTED

of 217 to 205 on Scheduled Time.

IS GIVEN THE SUPPORT OF FOUR INDEPENDENTS

Hour and Forty Minutes as He Predicted.



SPEAKER CLARK.

Representative Champ Clark of gown. The resolution would authorize Missouri was re-elected Speaker ble to see just what they were and Glendie B. Young, commanding, that the the President to carry on war of the House of Representatives she looked like just what she was, a regiment will not be real woman in the midst of a lot of tomorrow.

and four of the so-called inde- little nervous about it all. pendents, Martin, progressivefact, nothing less than war against the protectionist, of Louisiana; Schall, government and people of the United progressive, of Minnesota; Lon-time to sit down she was surrounded Guard. don, socialist, New York, and "Resolved, by the Senate and House don, Socialist, New 107k, and til the gavel fell to call the House to Randall, prohibitionist, California, order the first congresslady held an in-

Fuller, of Massachusetts, voted for Representative Lenroot of Smiled Kansan (Wisconsin; Representatives Dal-lowed by, authorized to take immediate steps, not only to put the country in thorough state of defense, but also to exert all of its power and employ all of its re-Michigan and Haskell of New

> York, republicans, voted present. Clark's election was effected in exactly one hour and forty minutes after the House convened,
> the exact time he predicted in an
> interview, a fortnight ago, it
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> Suffragists, men as well as women,
> from all parts of the country crowded
> the office room to speak a word with,
> and, if possible, to shake the hand of
> the first woman member, and Representative Rankin was busy every second of the time until she started for
> the House. exactly one hour and forty min-

Clerk Trimble Calls House to Order. The House session opened with Clerk South Trimble presiding until organi-

zation was perfected. The chaplain included in his prayer plea for patriotism.

"Moral suasion has failed. Appeals to reason and justice have been swept

war has been or shall be forced upon is, we pray that the heart of every American citizen may throb with pa-American cittzen may throb with pa-triotic feeling and that a united peo-ple may rally around our President to hold up his hand in every measure deemed necessary to protect the lives of American cittzens and safeguard our inheritance."

Nearly the entire Senate membership

of "patriotic pilgrims," who demand the country's entrance into the war, Congress waited to hear the President outline the long history of German aggressions against American lives and rights and the predatory violence of her submarines.

Administration officials have made no secret that they consider Germany has for some confusion and violence of the world today we cannot know the things that may shortly come to pass," he prayed. "Lead us, O God, through the darkness until the day dawns and shadows fiee away. Grant us courage to defend the truth. At this critical time in the history of our country, lead these Thy servants in a plain path and inspire them with

Senator Johnson of California was

sworn in.

CHEERS IN HOUSE FOR FIRST WOMAN **CONGRESS MEMBER**

sentative From Montana, Given an Ovation.

SUFFRAGISTS MAKE MOST OF THE HISTORIC EVENT

New Congresswoman Holds Continuous Reception in Her Office and on the Floor.

At exactly five minutes of 12 o'clock today Miss Jeanette Ran-kin, new representative in Congress from Montana, and the first woman ever to hold such an office in the United States, took her seat in the House. Thus 11:55 o'clock a.m., Monday, April 2, 1917, becomes historic in the annals of District Regiment May Form

Nicely Dressed of Course. Far be it from an ordinary, hard-

mussion to put into this story the feminine touches for which woman readers yea, even the militant suffragists, will search. The first congresslady of the United States was arrayed in what things, blue and black, with some more gauzy stuff pinch hitting in place of She carried a big bunch of some kind of flowers-it wasn't possitoday by a vote of 217 to 205. . . men, the first woman ever to occupy a All of the democrats present seat there by virtue of the suffrage of her fellow citizens, and perhaps

Rolds Informal Reception.

by her colleagues in Congress, and un-Two republicans, Gardner and Campbell of Kansas, who evidently said a lot of nice things in his usual manner, because the new congresslady brigade of infantry troops was to be smiled and bowed and bowed and smiled some more as the beaming stationed at Fort Myer, and that the District regiment would form a part of it, but there was no definite an-

the House. Everybody Is Cordial.

Suffrage leaders and suffrage workers representing every phase of the movement called at the rooms in the House office building this morning, and it was noticeable that even the representatives armory building, but many of them of movements diametrically opposed in "Diplomacy has failed," he prayed. | method were as friendly and as cordial toward the woman member and toward each other as if never a suspicion of getting word to members of difference of opinion had existed between them. And during the entire time Miss Rankin shook hands and smiled, until her facial muscles might well have been pardoned for rebelling— something they never seemed to do, even for the fraction of a second. Miss Rankin was escorted to her seat by Representative John M. Evans, her colleague and fellow townsman of Mis

When the name of the first woman Nearly the entire Senate membership was present when Vice President Marshall called for order and, after the invocation, the President's proclamation calling the extraordinary session was read.

In the Senate the chaplain also referred to the problems confronting Congress:

"Amid the confusion and violence of the world today we cannot know the things that may shortly come to pass," he prayed. "Lead us, O God."

When the name of the first woman member was reached inthe roll call the House again broke into applause, which continued until Representative Rankin rose and bowed right and left. She had to bow several times, too, because it seemed as if the members wanted to get a good, long look at her and the applause persisted for several minutes. Representative Rankin, however, just kept on bowing and smiling, and after awhile the applause stopped and the calling of the roll continued.

Tributes Paid Miss Rankin. Woman Member of the House.

at Breakfast in Her Honor

If Representative Rankin of Montana did not leave the breakfast room of the Shoreham Hotel this morning with a serious case of cranial enlargement her about ten minutes, recessed to await poise and sense of proportion are amorganization of the House. Senators ply attested. Perhaps never in the Martin and Gallinger, the two party leaders, were appointed to act with a House committee in notifying President Wilson that Congress is ready to receive a communication from him.

Representative Lee of Georgia, who has been ill with pneumonia and whose presence in the House tod: in time for the or organization fight was uncertain until a day or two ago, rose from his sick bed aday or two ago, rose from his sick bed today and was helped to the Capitol. He came into the House during roll call, walking feebly and assisted by Repre
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REPORTING FOR DUTY.

FOR 3D INFANTRY

Part of a Brigade to Be Stationed There.

The 3d Infantry, N. G. D. C., which has Fort Myer, Va., about noon tomorrow and Mexican border service last June.

The orders from the Eastern Departwith, but it was stated today by Col.

of equipment, it was explained. The regiment is without horses, having none of its animals back from San Antonio, Tex., as did the mounted or-Before Representative Rankin had ganizations of the District National

May Be Brigade Post.

Just what the duties of the fantry will be now that it is in actual formal reception. Among the firse to service again could not be learned to-greet her was Representative Phil day. Many officers of the regiment

The militiamen reported to the armory this morning at 9 o'clock, and Congress including a woman in its membership got under way.

Following the breakfast at the Shoremembership. got under way.

Following the breakfast at the Shoreham Hotel and the open-air reception at suffrage headquarters, in Rhode Island avenue, this morning, Miss Rankin went to her office in the House office building, where she continued the reception.

Suffragists, men as well as women, from all parts of the country crowded the office room to speak a word with.

Busy Scenes at Armory.

Things were humming about the rmory today. Officers were superintending the checking of properties in The headquarters force was busy with the thousand and one details that the call into active service necessitates. The men were kept in or about the were excused in order to get their business affairs straightened up. Company commanders were

commands who are out of town. Col. Young made arrangements to get into Young made arrangements to get into telephone communication with the du Pont powder works at Wilmington and the government powder factory at Indian Head so as to notify the many members of the regiment who recently have obtained employment at those places. The whereabouts of many of the men is not known, and one company commander made an estimate that about 10 per cent probably would not be located.

Detail to Enlist Recruits.

Lieut. Robert S. Boyd and a detail of one non-commissioned officer from each battalion have been assigned for recruiting service and probably will establish a headquarters in the downtown section of the city today. If a sufficient number of men apply it is proposed to form a company of recruits and drill the men in this formation until they are sufficiently trained to be assigned to the various companies. It was learned today that Charles Thompson and George Bryan, members of the band of the 3d Infantry, have enlisted in the seamen gunners' class and now are serving as guards at the Washington navy yard. They reported to the regimental headquarters this morning to obtain their discharges from the District Guard. That they were accepted as recruits in the navy when they already had military obligations caused some surprise. The men declared that they stated they were members of the District National Guard when they enlisted and that they were accepted nevertheless.

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PRESIDENT BEFORE **CONGRESS TONIGHT**

President Wilson will address a joint session of Congress at 8 o'clock this evening, it was announced at the White House at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

he regiment into service and the nee

Putting Camps in Shape. he 1st Separate Battalion, N. G. D. C., have been changed so as to bring them were being put into shape today in readiness for rain. Tents were ditched

Another lot of woolen field uniforms Another lot of woolen field uniforms was received by the battalion today and by tomorrow it is expected to have all of the men uniformly attired. The blue dress uniforms which they have been wearing will be sent into the armory of the command on 12th street and kept there.

CAKKANZA PAKIY

LAREDO Tex April 2-Internal politics, used as a lever in an effort to regulate Mexico's course in international affairs, have brought about a situation of the utmost gravity in that republic, ac cording to travelers just arrived from the Mexican capital.

These travelers say the constitutionalist party now holding the reins of government is divided into a so-called "civil" group and a military party, embracing many of the chiefs of the army. Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear on Gen. Carranza by each party, but the president-elect so far has not definitely aligned himself with the policy of either although it is known he desires to curb CAR WRECKING TRIAL the undue activities of the military, ac cording to recent arrivals. The "civil party," these men say, is

strongly opposed to any alliance with Germany against the United States, and Germany against the United States, and standing firm for a policy of neutrality in the event of the entry of the United States into the European conflict. The military party, according to these stories, is strongly pro-German, and advocates the entry of Mexico into hos-tillities, against its northern pelethor. tilities against its northern ne with all that such entry implies.

German Money Distributed.

The reports brought from Mexico City assert that German influence and money have been active among certain members have in contemplation and Inited States has been goaded into naking the first active hostile move. It is also asserted that these plans It is also asserted that these plans contemplate the fomenting of a revolu-tionary movement in Guatemala and the burning of the oil wells in the Tampico district, from which the large part of the British naval fuel supply is

drawn.

The story has been brought to the border that Gen. Maximillian Klaus, a German-Mexican commander, has begun the recruiting of a brigade of 3,000 Germans whose duty it will be to force hostilities with the United States in Chihuahua and Sonora. Gen. Klaus now is believed to be in Guadalajara.

Influence on Carranza.

It is alleged by the travelers that they were informed, before leaving Mexico City, that sixteen generals closely allied with Gen. Obregon, min ister of war, called on Carranza and demanded that he withdraw his support from the civil faction, stating that if he did not do so they would cease to support his administration. They also are alleged to have asked that any foreigner speaking ill of the army be deported from the country under article 33 of the constitution.

According to the sources mentioned previously, Germany is alleged to have promised the Mexican military chiefs Texas, Arizona and New Mexico in the event the proposed alliance should be successful, and also British Honduras

LABOR BODY PLANS TO HELP STRIKERS

Central Union Committees Active in the Cause of Street Car Men.

Union today began active efforts to help the street car strikers of Wash ington. These committees were ap pointed Saturday night at a meeting of officers and delegates from Washington's labor unions at Painters' Hall. One committee, that to confer with the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, met, but decided to wait until tomorrow before present ing the case of the street car men to

Committees of the Central Labo

Edward D. Mahon of Detroit, presi dent of the International Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America, attended the council meet ing this morning, and the union mer believe he discussed the street car

On the committee to confer with the A. F. of L. officers are George Seibold. W. N. Huttel, N. P. James, George F. Calderhead and F. O'Donnell. On the committee which was at the Capitol are W. W. Keeler, George A. Wilburt, are W. W. Keeler, George A. Wilburt, Hugh Digney, O. W. Taylor, Henry Miller, B. O'Leary, J. E. Toone, Daniel J. O'Leary, Ben Spelbring, John Botz and Sam De Nedry.
President C. P. King of the Washington Railway and Electric Company made no statement today. Company officials said the strikebreakers would be leaving in small groups throughout the week, since they are being replaced regularly by permanent men.

union declared today that it was al union declared today that it was ap-surd for the railroad company to say it is maintaining a regular schedule on any of the several lines of the sys-tem. Pickets reporting to the head-quarters shortly before noon reported that fewer cars were running today than at any time since the strike be-

IS SET FOR APRIL 16

Assistant United States Attorney Harvey Given, who appeared with his brother, Ralph Given, against the defendants, asked Judge Pugh to fix bond at \$3,000 in the cases of Brady Kane, John W. Twiford, Cecil B. Hathof the military party, and that certain way and Harry C. Breedon and \$1,500 in the cases of Roy W. Saunders, preparation plans for an extra active Charles J. Wittman, Joseph Walters nvasion of the border states after the Charles Hudson, Charles P. Oliff, Frank Cunningham, Edgar Poore, Solomon S. McIntyre, Daniel H. Fritter, Harry R. Fisher and Charles P. Kienle. stated that an additional charge of con-spiracy would be placed against the first four, who he declared were the "ringleaders," with another who has not bee arrested.

arrested.

Poore and Saunders, who are represented by Attorneys Michael Mangan and Robert I. Miller, gave bond and were released. Friends of the other men are endeavoring to secure bond for their release.

Inspector Clifford Grant ordered the release of Herman Roach, as, it was stated,
it was shown there was no evidence
against him.

RUSSIANS PRESSING TURKS.

Russian troops moving westward fron

Two Additional Towns Occupied Near Mesopotamian Border. PETROGRAD, April 2, via London

Kerind in Persia are approaching the Mesopotamian border near Khanikim continuing to drive the Turks before them, today's war office statement indicates. Two additional towns have been occupied by this column.

The more northerly column, which already has crossed the Mesopotamian border south of Baneh, has held its newly won ground there, breaking up a Turkish offensive movement,

BRITISH CONTINUE IMPORTANT GAINS ON FRENCH FRONT

Capture Two Villages Near St. Blood Spilled in General Fight Quentin and Croissilles, in the Arras Sector.

FRENCH ALSO PRESSING

Berlin Admits Retirement, But In- Alexander Bannwart, Who Leads Atsists Forces Give Way Only When Ordered to Do So.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 2, via London, 3 p.m.-British forces today widened the wedge they had inserted in the German line in the region of St. Quentin, and captured the villages of Atilly and Villecholes, respectively southeast and northeast of the village of Verman.

The British today are within thre

British Capture Croisilles.

LONDON, April 2, 3:20 p.m.—The British have captured Croisilles after a esperate defense by the Germans, Reuer's correspondent at British headquar

The towns of Longatte and Doignies also have been captured by the British

Savy Captured Sunday.

Heavy fighting took place yesterday est of St. Quentin, resulting in the capture by the British of the village of Savy. Later British troops attacked Savy wood, about a mile from the village and only three miles from St. Quentin, and occupied that position.

The official report from British head-quarters in France which records these successes announces also the capture by the British of Vendelles, lying farther north, and Epehy and Pelziere, to the

St. Quentin Largely Destroyed. ondents on the western front rea large part of St. Quentin by fire and explosives. They add that the Germans have looted all the treasures general.

from private houses, museums and picture galleries.

It is believed, according to these advices, that the cathedral up to the present has not been damaged.

Berlin Reports Hard Fighting.

BERLIN, April 2, by wireless to Sayville.—Battles begun yesterday between the British and German forces south of Arras, on the road to Cambrai, and on both banks of the river south of Arras, on the road to Cambrai, and on both banks of the river developed this morning, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff. The British forces, the announcement adds, suffered considerable loss and only suffered considerable loss and only gained ground where the German

troops gave way under orders. On both sides of the Oise-Aisr canal, and on the highlands of Vregny. it is announced, the French made some advance under heavy losses.

French Also Make Progress.

PARIS, April 2.- French troops Satirday night made further progress along both sides of the Aillette river, it statement. The French also pushed SET FOR APRIL 16

statement. The French also pushed forward in the region north and east of Margival, which is on the southern end of the new battle line in France formed by the German retirement.

In their operations to the southwest line last Tuesday night was continued

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In their operations to the southwest of Laon the French troops have made should ask for a declaration of war, he should ask for a declaration of war, he

in the Police Court today until April important advances, capturing several German trench systems, and have reached the outskirts of Vauxaillon and Laffaux.

LABOR ON SCIENCE BASIS.

Employment Managers Discuss Selection. Training and Handling. PHILADELPHIA, April 2 .- "The La-

bor Turnover in Industry" was the topic for discussion at the opening session of the annual convention of the National Employment Managers Association at This the court did, after Mr. Given had the University of Pennsylvania today. Delegates were in attendance from that at this moment Senator Lodge many sections of the United States and remarked:

Canada.

John M. Williams of Philadelphia, presided and the speakers included Meyer Bloomfield, director of the vocation bureau; Boyd Fisher, Detroit, and Magnus W. Alexander. Several of the sessions will be open to the public for discussion.

The meeting, according to delegates, is one of employment managers and those in industry who are endeavoring to apply the same scientific methods of selection, training and handling of employes as are now applied to the selection and handling of materials and machinery.

CALLED TO FEDERAL SERVICE.

One West Virginia and Two Virginia

"Any one who is a pacifist at a time like this is a coward." To this Bannwart retorted: "Any one that wants to go to war is a coward."

Senator Lodge denies this conversation and says that Bannwart called him a coward. "You are a liar," the senator instantly responded, stepping up to Bannwart. Then Bannwart struck Senator Lodge and Senator Lodge station. He was sent from the station. He was badly bruised.

At the police station Bannwart gave his age as thirty-six and his address as 232 Beaver street, Dorchester, Mass. He was charged with assault. C. F. Redmond, assistant secretary to Senator Lodge, was named as complainant.

One West Virginia and Two Virginia Units Under Orders.

oses the following National Guard or- find himself in a difficult position. Ba zanizations:

The War Department today called

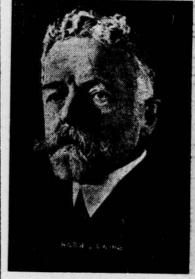
PACIFISTS ATTACK SENATOR LODGE IN CAPITOL CORRIDOR

ONE CENT.

That Follows, But Lawmaker Escapes Injury.

SOLON SENDS SMASHING THE GERMAN LINE BACK BLOW TO ASSAILANT'S FACE

> tack, Badly Beaten-Later Arrested for Assault.



SENATOR LODGE.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts was attacked by a small group of pacifists from Dorchester, Mass., in the corridor outside his office at the Capitol today. Blows were struck and blood was spilled, but it was the blood of the pacifists.

The chief assailant of Senator Lodge was Alexander Bannwart, a young man, and husky. He later was arrested on a warrant

charging him with assault. Senator Lands Smashing Blow. Senator Lodge received a blow which

self sent a smashing blow into Bann port that the Germans have destroyed and Senator Lodge was forced back against the wall, the other pacifist joining in the fight, which then became Senator Lodge's clerks rushed out

Called at Senator's Office The pacifists gathered outside of Senator Lodge's office about 11 o'clock this morning. Three cards were sent in, ncluding that of Bannwart, and those of Rev Paul Harris Drake, pastor of Christ Church, Dorchester, Mass., and Mrs. Anna May Peabody of 13 Hilliard street, Boston. Alexander Bannwart's

card bore the address 338 Washington street, Boston. It is Senator Lodge's custom, when a

would vote for one.

Bannwart did most of the talking for the pacifists. He remonstrated with Senator Lodge and said that his constituents were opposed to war. Senator Lodge said he differed with the pacifists in that connection. The pacified declared that war was cowardly. declared that war was cowardly.

"National degeneracy and cowardle are worse than war," Senator Lodge an swered. "I regret that I cannot agree with your position, but I must do my duty as I see it."

Senator Lodge, determining to close the interview, was backing toward the door of his office.

Short and Ugly Term Used. Bannwart, after the fight, declared

"Any one who is a pacifist at a time

Faces Serious Charge. It is a serious matter to assault a member of Congress, it was pointed out

into the federal service for police pur- at the Capitol today, and Bannwart maj wart is secretary of the Woodrow Wil Second West Virginia Infantry, 4th son Independent League.

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